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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS
USING THE SAME

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- Formal drawings (Figs. 1-4; 4 sheets) are attached.
 - Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
- This patent application is assigned to HITACHI MAXELL, LTD.
 - The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- Priority of foreign application No. 2002-351973 filed December 4, 2002 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
- A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.
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